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Elder Abuse,
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September 11, 2012 West Branch September 12, 2012 Alpena

> 4th Annual Fall Open House

September 15, 2012

<u>Total Wellness Fair:</u> <u>Adults 50 & Better</u>

September 18, 2012

Health Fair

September 19, 2012

Senior EmPower Day

September 21, 2012

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The Michigan
Medicare /
Medicaid

Assistance Program (MMAP) helps
Michigan seniors
pay their Medicare
and prescription
premiums.

Need more information?

Contact MMAP at:

1-800-803-7174

ELDER ABUSE: See Something, Say Something!

Elder abuse continues to be a growing problem throughout America. According to a 2005 *Elder Mistreatment: Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation in an Aging America* survey, between one and two million Americans 65 and older have been either neglected or abused.

Become familiar with the warning signs. And, if you see something, say something!

- Untreated sores;
- Unclean clothing and/or poor hygiene;
- Unusual weight loss;
- Slap marks, bruises, and certain types of burns or blisters;
- Withdrawal from normal activities;
- Sudden change in finances and accounts; and
- Altered wills and trusts.



For every case of elder abuse and neglect that is reported, five more go unreported! Report suspected neglect or abuse to The Michigan Department of Human Services - Adult Protective Services (1-855-444-3911) and local police. You may wish to also file a complaint with the Attorney General's Health Care Fraud Division.

Source: National Center on Elder Abuse Administration on Aging

The Residential Care Choices presentation provides information on how to choose a nursing home, how to recognize and report resident abuse or neglect, and tips for keeping loved ones safe. You'll also learn where and how to report a problem!



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